

*Dover Plains, NY* - Congressman-Elect John Hall announced today that he has appointed Susan Spear of Mahopac, NY to be the District Director of his congressional office.

"Susan Spear's impressive career in public service and substantial experience in reaching out to people and solving problems make her an excellent person for this job," said Hall. "She brings a consistently high level of energy, intelligence and organization to all that is asked of her, and I know the residents of the 19th Congressional District will be truly delighted with her efforts on their behalf."

Born and raised in New York City, Spear served in the New Hampshire State Legislature from 1985 to 1992, acting as both deputy minority leader and minority whip during her tenure. For the past 15 years she has lived in the Hudson Valley where she has become well-known in political circles as an elected representative to the Executive Committee of the New York State Democratic Committee and former chair of the Putnam County Democratic Committee.

Spear has resigned her position as director of consumer affairs and quality at Verizon Communications to serve in Hall's congressional office.

"I am honored to receive this important appointment from Congressman-Elect Hall," said Spear. "It's obvious that outreach to his constituents is a top priority for the Congressman-Elect, and I look forward to helping him in this effort as well as representing him around the district when he's in Washington."

Spear was instrumental in planning Congressman-Elect Hall's recent "listening tour" around the 19th Congressional District, and later this week she'll join Hall at his swearing-in ceremony in Washington.

Jean Bordewich, chief of staff for Congressman-Elect Hall, said she was very pleased by the appointment of Spear, and noted, "With Susan on board you can trust that congressional services in the district will be outstanding."